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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Training

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Assessment and Evaluation Staff  
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

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II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [REDACTED], and C/A&E attended a meeting in [REDACTED] A8a with [REDACTED], one of their security officers. At this meeting the [REDACTED] interrogation and assessment work done by the A&E Staff were discussed. [REDACTED] was given the necessary clearance to participate in this work. Also present was [REDACTED] office in the Office of Security. [REDACTED] A8a had asked him to attend so that A&E could become acquainted with him; [REDACTED] asked us to call upon [REDACTED] for training support. [REDACTED] A9a indicated that he had a good deal of current information in interrogation practices in the denied area countries and that he would welcome an opportunity to participate. [REDACTED] also recommended [REDACTED] A9a that we call [REDACTED] of the CI Staff, who is also cleared for this project and who could provide background data for us to use in the [REDACTED] interrogation training. C/A&E has long been in contact with [REDACTED] and has found him extremely cooperative.

In the near future we plan to invite [REDACTED] to participate in a training planning session with those on the A&E Staff who are currently involved in this project.

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] advised us on 16 January that the training program which was scheduled for 21-25 January at the [REDACTED] A8a [REDACTED] had been cancelled. He stated that the trainees were unable to attend and that the course would be rescheduled some time in the future.

[REDACTED] will perform a psychological assessment for [REDACTED] A8a on the [REDACTED] this coming weekend (20 and 21 January). This is an assessment of a dependent and it is the first in this series of assessment of wives which we expect to perform for that office.

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[redacted] recently joined the staff of the [redacted] and will be responsible for manpower studies and placement. [redacted] was formerly chief of research at NSA and has been known to this Staff for several years. C/A&E lunched with him on 15 January and briefed him generally on activities of the A&E Staff. [redacted] office will handle the recruitment ads, which we placed in the APA Bulletin. He promised to review any applicant files that come to him and refer them to us if they appear to be suitable.

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A December Employment Bulletin of the APA was issued in January of this year. It contains a vacancy notice for assessment psychologist positions for this Staff. So far two applications have been received. [redacted] will contact and interview these people (who are in the New York area) in the very near future.

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In the same Employment Bulletin appears an ad for assessment psychologists which was placed there by [redacted] of [redacted]. DTR had requested [redacted], when he was here on TDY, to do whatever his office could in recruitment of psychologists for this Staff through TSD's cover facilities. [redacted] reports that they have received four answers to this vacancy notice. They will be reviewed by C/A&E when he meets with [redacted] on 19 January.

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3. [redacted] of the Office of Personnel queried C/A&E on 17 January as to whether this office had the capability of preparing motivation and morale surveys. He was informed that we are already in the process of preparing interview and questionnaire items for [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he had been reading the IG report of 1 August 1961, which summarizes the resignee interviews (GS-12 and above) completed by the IG Staff for FY 61. He was interested in making a progress report on this study which recommends that analysis of employee motivation be completed by the Office of Personnel. He wondered if such a progress report could be completed within the next two or three weeks. He was advised to contact [redacted] for whom we are doing our work and informed that we could be prepared to make a progress report on our thinkings at that time if called upon to do so.

4. C/AB visited the Boston area 7-13 January 1962 for the purposes of recruiting psychologists. This trip was primarily a follow-through of our previously reported contact with Dr. H. Max Houtchens, Chief, Clinical Psychology Service, Veterans Administration Central Office. C/AB interviewed six prospects, four of whom were fourth year VA Psychology Trainees at the VA Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts, and will complete their Ph.D.'s this summer. PHS's and related forms were left with these people. It is expected that three or four will file the forms.

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The "market" for psychologists in the Boston area, as elsewhere, is a very tight one. For example, Dr. Chester C. Bennett, head of the graduate Clinical Psychology Training Program at Boston University and a former VA colleague of C/AB, informed C/AB that his students approaching completion of their training usually have about six job offers to choose from.

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6. On 15 January 1962 C/AB contacted Dr. H. Max Houtchens of the VA. Dr. Houtchens pointed out concrete examples of the need for psychologists in a variety of government agencies. He has had requests for psychologists, for example, from State, Peace Corps, AID, and USIA.

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had been suggested to C/AB as a recruitment lead. Dr. [REDACTED] is not interested in a change for the foreseeable future. He did, however, volunteer to keep us informed of psychologists in his program through the country who expressed an interest in a change. C/AB will have a luncheon meeting with Dr. [REDACTED] in about two weeks upon Dr. [REDACTED] return from a trip.

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8. On Tuesday, 9 January, [REDACTED] our chief psychometrist, went to [REDACTED] to administer PETB [REDACTED]. The testing [REDACTED] had been requested by [REDACTED] and the Career Service Board and that of [REDACTED], in both cases as a guide for career planning purposes. The relatively small portion of PETB which she did not have time to administer to them will be completed by [REDACTED] on his next visit [REDACTED].

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9. [REDACTED] expects to spend a considerable part of next week [REDACTED] serving as a member of a committee appointed by [REDACTED] to review drafts of OC final training evaluations as they come from the instructors.

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